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TECHNICAL GUIDE
NOTICE #168 (electronic)

Purpose: To transmit information regarding the electronic NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG).

Effective Date: This notice is effective upon receipt.

Notice of Changes:

Section I: The following new reference materials have been placed in the eFOTG, Section I, General References:

- 1) Economic Cost Data, Average Component Costs, County Field Office Component Costs:

County Cost Data for Field Offices in Areas I and IV

- 2) Reference Lists, Index of Subject Matter References Filed in Technical Reference Center Document Boxes, Reference Material Index, Economics:

“Michigan Agricultural Statistics 2002-2003” - This document was sent as a hard copy to NRCS-Michigan Offices. It is to be filed in the Technical Reference Center, middle shelf, in the document box labeled “Other.” Keep the prior two years Michigan Agricultural Statistics (2000-01 and 2001-02). Remove and discard 1999-00. These instructions were also attached to the mailing.

Section II: The following new and/or updated technical materials have been placed in the eFOTG, Section II, Natural Resources Information:

- 1) Cultural Resources Information:

List of NRCS Undertakings:

List of Conservation Practices Considered as Undertakings

Forms of Documenting Cultural Resource Investigations:

**Environmental Evaluation for Conservation Planning (MI-CPA-15) and
Request for Cultural Resource Review**

NRCS State Office Instructions:

Cultural Resource Process Flow Chart

DIST: All Holders of the Field Office Technical Guide



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2) Soils Information:

Oscoda Soil Survey

Section IV: The following revisions and updated or new standards have been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications:

1) Conservation Practices:

Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral (608)

Dike (356)

Aquaculture Ponds (397) (New Standard)

Irrigation Storage Reservoir (436)

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443)

Land Smoothing (466)

Obstruction Removal (500)

Surface Drainage (607)

Clearing and Snagging (326)

Agrichemical Containment Facility (702)

2) The following standard has been deleted from the eFOTG, Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications:

Stream Channel Stabilization (584) was replaced by **Channel Stabilization (584)**.

3) The following Operation and Maintenance Plans have been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications under the appropriate standard:

Conservation Practices:

Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral O&M Plan

Dike O&M Plan

Aquaculture Ponds O&M Plan

Irrigation Storage Reservoir O&M Plan

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface O&M Plan

Land Smoothing O&M Plan

Obstruction Removal O&M Plan

Surface Drainage O&M Plan

Clearing and Snagging O&M Plan

Agrichemical Containment Facility, Fertilizer O&M Plan

Agrichemical Containment Facility, Pesticide O&M Plan

Agrichemical Containment Facility, Fertilizer and Pesticide O&M Plan

- 4) The following Conservation Sheet has been placed in the eFOTG, Section IV, Practice Standards and Specifications, Michigan Conservation Sheets, Forestry:

Michigan Riparian Forest Buffer

Section V: The following update has been placed in the eFOTG, Section V, Conservation Effects, Michigan Conservation Practice Physical Effects:

Agrichemical Containment Facility (702)

Questions regarding these changes within the eFOTG should be directed to Gary Rinkenberger, Resource Conservationist, on (517) 324-5266.

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